



Symphonies Vol. 2

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Swedish Chamber Orchestra • Petter Sundkvist

**Symphony in C major,  
'Violin obligato', VB 138**  
**Urban Svensson, violin**

21:47

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|---|------------------|------|---|---------|------|
| 1 | Adagio – Allegro | 8:45 | 2 | Andante | 7:24 |
| 3 | Allegro          | 5:38 |   |         |      |

**Symphony in F major, VB 130**  
**Première Recording**

14:38

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| 4 | Allegro | 7:47 | 5 | Andante | 4:00 |
| 6 | Presto  | 2:51 |   |         |      |

**Symphony in A major, VB 128**  
**Première Recording**

19:11

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|---|---------------|------|----|------------|------|
| 7 | Allegro assai | 7:03 | 8  | Allegretto | 6:10 |
| 9 | Minuetto      | 3:36 | 10 | Presto     | 2:22 |

**Sinfonia buffa, VB 129**  
**Première Recording**

16:38

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| 11 | Allegro      | 5:44 | 12 | Andantino | 4:28 |
| 13 | Presto assai | 6:26 |    |           |      |

**The Composer**

Born in Germany, Joseph Martin Kraus made his career in Sweden, where he served the court as a composer and conductor. He was able to absorb the latest in continental musical and theatrical trends when King Gustavus III, a great patron of the arts, sent him on a grand tour of Europe. This took him throughout Germany, Vienna, Italy, England and France, where he met major figures of the period such as Gluck and Haydn.

**The Music**

Kraus's symphonies feature the unexpected and the dramatic and it is no surprise, therefore, to find many forward-looking stylistic devices that anticipate music of the next century. This CD forms part of a complete cycle of Kraus's Symphonies on Naxos. Volume 1 (Naxos 8.553734) was awarded a prestigious Cannes Classical Award in January 1999 by a jury consisting of the world's leading classical music journalists.

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